

Remarks

As indicated in the Office action dated November 17, 2006, Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 19-45. No new matter has been added.

I. Restriction/Election Requirement

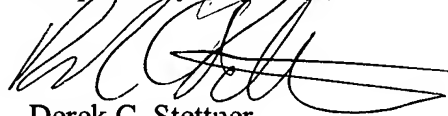
With respect to the restriction/election requirement of the Office action, Applicant elects to prosecute invention I identified by the Examiner, and consequently, elects to prosecute Claims 1-18.

Applicant has also withdrawn Claims 19-45 from consideration. Applicant, however, reserves the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims and other embodiments disclosed in the application in one or more divisional patent applications. Further, Applicant reserves the right to have the withdrawn claims considered if a generic claim from which these claims depend is allowed.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, examination of Claims 1-18 on the merits is respectfully requested. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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